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SUBJECT: US/PAK RELATIONS

- 1. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL BE ASKED ABOUT EVENTS IN PAKISTAN AT NOON BRIEFING. WE SUGGEST THAT GENERAL LINE, AND ONE WE ARE USING WITH JOURNALISTS HERE, SHOULD BE THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS AN INTERNAL EVENT AFFECTING PAKISTAN ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC COMMENT. WE OF COURSE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PASSING ON FACTUAL INFORMATION, SUCH AS ZIA'S PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NATION AT 1900 HOURS TONIGHT, BUT HAVE REFRAINED FROM ANY SPECULATION ON WHAT THE CHANGE MIGHT MEAN.
- 2. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION MAY ALSO COME UP AT NOON BRIEFING. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, GOP IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT CONSTITUTION MERELY SUSPENDED, NOT ABROGATED, AND THAT THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE. IF WE REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE DEPARTMENT PREFERS TO USE THE SAME FORMULATION-THE QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE-IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE RECOMMEND WE STICK TO THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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USAGE, WITH THE ADDED COMMENT THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH GOP OFFICIALS ABOUT MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT VIA NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE ANY EXCHANGES ON PAKISTAN THAT TAKE PLACE AT BRIEFING. HUMMEL

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